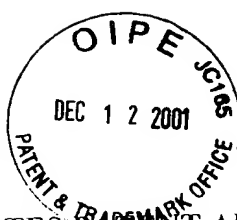


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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

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An extension of time until December 14, 2001 is requested and hereby filed concurrently with a Preliminary Amendment to Accompany Sequence Listing in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. A check in the amount of \$260.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension. A three month extension of time until November 14, 2001 was paid on that date with a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts. An additional 1-month extension of time until December 14, 2001 is needed. A check in the amount of \$260.00 is enclosed. We have subtracted the \$460.00 fee for the Three-Month Extension already paid.

No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our attorney docket number (21459/90913).

Respectfully submitted,

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